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As the many unincorporated communities in Los Angeles County change and grow, the Board of Supervisors should consider enacting a system to preserve older buildings that are architecturally or culturally significant, as has been done in other local jurisdictions. The City of Pasadena, for example, requires that a property-owner provide sufficient evidence that a structure fifty years or older does not have any historic significance prior to issuance of a demolition permit. The City of Los Angeles maintains a list of historic and culturally significant structures, and there is a review process required prior to issuance of a demolition permit.

The County of Los Angeles General Plan contains language supporting historic preservation, yet the County does not have a system in place to proactively ensure the preservation of older structures that are architecturally or culturally significant. Experience in other jurisdictions suggests that it is feasible to do so, and the County should explore options to adopt such procedures for our unincorporated communities.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Regional Planning and the Director of Public Works to:

- Research and identify options whereby the County could potentially prevent historic buildings from being demolished;
- Identify what mechanisms have been implemented by other cities and counties to prevent the demolition of historic structures;
- Consult with the County's Historical Landmarks and Records Commission; and
- Report back to the Board of Supervisors within 60 days.

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